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Sunnyside Neighborhood Association Upcoming Meetings

April 12 - A representative from the city's Dept. of Traffic and Parking will speak. We'll also identify one or two particularly bad traffic or parking problems in the neighborhood and ask the city to correct them.

May 10 - City College's new Director of Facilities will answer questions about building plans for the campus, parking, etc.

SNA is taking a summer break from its monthly meetings this year. Members will receive a newsletter this summer, and we will meet again on Tuesday, **September 13**.

The SNA meets on the **second Tuesday** at **7:30 p.m**. and all residents are welcome. We meet in the auditorium of the **Sunnyside Elementary School** on Foerster Street (between Staples and Hearst). Both the main door and the auditorium door should be unlocked — try the other one if you find a locked door.

President's Message

by David Wall

Looking over the newsletters of two umbrella organizations of neighborhood associations, I am reminded of the good work done at the grass roots of San Francisco politics. Here is where we get the attention of City Hall. Here is where the needs of the folks who actually live in San Francisco are put in context with downtown interests and others who put demands on city resources.

Between the League of Neighborhoods and the older Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods, these two groups represent over sixty neighborhood associations from all parts of our city. The front page of one newsletter reports on the meeting they had with the top staff of the mayor's office on planning issues. The author, from Neighbors of the Excelsior, discusses the difficulty they have had with the Planning Commission with residential conservation controls.

The front page of the Coalition newsletter reports on the effects of the Matrix program on the neighborhoods. The author, from the Cole Valley Improvement Assn., gives her reasons for supporting

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From the Editor

by Rita Evans

Why join the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association?

Without SNA, construction of a huge shop/warehouse would be underway at City College near Judson and Foerster. The eucalyptus grove, containing the largest trees in the neighborhood, and providing a home to birds and other wildlife, would be gone. Neighbors would soon face the prospect of increased traffic and dangerous left turns at an already hazardous intersection.

But SNA fought the good fight and City College put aside those plans. Now, however, we're hearing rumblings from City College that the hillside project isn't as dead as we had hoped. Funding is needed for the plans for the alternative shop building and the refurbishment of the Carroll Avenue warehouse, and it seems that money is being held up by the state bureaucracy. SNA has called on State Senator Quentin Kopp and Assemblyman John Burton for help to see that the funds are released, but we may need a real show of neighborhood support for that effort to be successful.

What can you do? If you haven't paid SNA dues in 1994, turn to page 7, fill out the form and send in your check for $10. We must present a strong front when dealing with an organization the size of City College, and we need to have all of our neighbors under the SNA umbrella.

You may also be asked to contact your state representatives or the governor on this issue. We'll keep you posted.

Just remember that you can't simply depend on a small cadre of SNA faithful to wage this war for you — **all** Sunnyside neighbors need to get involved. City College issues will be the focus of the May 10 meeting and we hope to see you at Sunnyside School.

The *San Francisco Independent* has reported that the City College board is looking into purchasing Balboa Park from the city as part of a large plan to address the problem of at-risk youth. Included in the proposal is the building of a dormitory and field house in Balboa Park, and single-parent housing and a vocational center on the reservoir property along Phelan.

I'm not ready to make up my mind on any of these issues, and I certainly have to applaud an initiative to address long-term the problem of kids who seem headed for a life of trouble. I do, however, have to wonder about any plan which seeks to decrease the amount of open public space we have in our very urban environment. Time to wait and see. ☼

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Sunnyside News is your source for news about neighborhood activities and the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association. Members receive four issues per year.

Your contributions to *Sunnyside News* of news, features or letters to the editor are strongly encouraged. Please mail items to: SNA, PO Box 27615, San Francisco, CA 94127, or better yet, please contact Rita Evans, 587-6234.

Deadline for the next issue is **June 10**.

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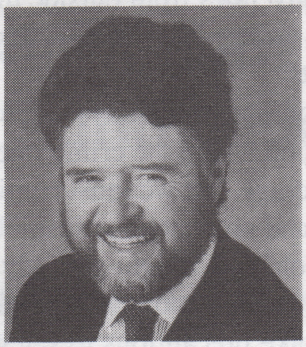

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Please contact any SNA board member if you wish to discuss any neighborhood concerns, especially during the summer when we won't be holding monthly meetings.

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Mayor Jordan's program on homelessness, and the editors invite a response on the other side. The newsletter goes on to contain articles from Eureka Valley, from North Beach Neighbors, and two members of the SF board of supervisors.

I was just talking this morning with Joel Ventresca, president of the Coalition and resident of the Height, about a ballot argument I have agreed to write for neighbors of the Farmer's Market. He was telling me of the difficulty of holding together an organization of such diversity.

Difficult or not, these groups give neighborhood associations clout.

And now about that ballot argument. It seems that our citizen mayor is asking the voters to approve 3,000 units of housing — sight unseen. I'm sure he thinks he is doing a nice thing, but the State Constitution requires that city voters approve subsidized housing on a project by project basis.

Proposition K on this June's ballot, asks us to vote on 3,000 units as one project. Of course, they wouldn't be built all at once or all in the same place, but this is just an end run to get around the State Constitution.

If we are supposed to vote on these things one at a time, I think that is what we should do. I'm against signing blank checks. Besides, our friends who live next to Farmer's Market are fighting a project that would probably hurt the market. They think the project should go before the voters, and I agree with them. My wife shops there, and she agrees with them.

Probably, the city voters will vote "yes" on Mayor Frank's policy in spite of my best arguments against it. But look for me in the Voter's Handbook. We all do our best for our friends and neighbors. ✪

Police-Related Services Phone Numbers

Emergency	911
Non-Emergency Dispatch	553-0123
Parking Complaints	553-1200
Abandoned Cars	781-JUNK
Home Security Survey	673-SAFE
Neighborhood Watch	673-SAFE
Dispute Resolution	863-6100
Domestic Violence - Woman Inc. (24 hours)	864-4722
Abused/Dangerous Animals	554-6364
Damaged Bus Shelters	882-4949

Ingleside Police Station

Community Policing, Sgt. Leach or Ofr. Feledy	333-3433
Scheduling Community Room, Ofr. Tom Martin	553-1603
Business Permits (including garage sales), Ofr. Jerry Sarin	553-1607

Neighborhood Crime Report

Officers Joanne Dippold and Dave Wright of Ingleside Police Station gave an overview of recent crime activity in the neighborhood at SNA's March meeting.

The officers said there have been several incidents of school-age kids robbing other kids of money and jackets near the elementary schools. Auto thefts and bicycle thefts in the neighborhood are on the increase, while car break-ins and thefts are decreasing.

Two juveniles from outside the neighborhood were arrested in February for a number of car thefts.

We continue to be fortunate to live in a neighborhood where the crime rate is below the city average, but we must continually be on our guard and on watch for suspicious activity. Ofrs. Dippold and Wright strongly encouraged Sunnyside residents to watch out for each other and take precautions to safeguard their persons, homes and vehicles.

You may want to clip the handy list of police phone numbers which appears on this page, and keep it by your phone. ☼

Sunnyside School Fair Set for May 21

Sunnyside School will hold its annual Spring Family Fair on Saturday, May 21. Please note that this is a change from the date previously reported.

The Family Fair will be held from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Sunnyside School schoolyard.

Contact Dr. Margaret Penn, principal of Sunnyside School, at 469-4746 for more information. ☼

PTA Meetings at Sunnyside

The Sunnyside School PTA meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the library of the Sunnyside Elementary School (located at 250 Foerster between Staples and Hearst). All interested neighbors are welcome to attend. Child care is available during the meetings. ☼

Parking Nightmare In Sunnyside

by Don Price

City College Intruders

The parking situation in Sunnyside seems to be getting worse with the new parking permit system at City College.

In January, the college instituted a new system for student permit parking. The old system allowed any student that purchased a student body membership an automatic parking permit. Now, each permit is sold for parking only at a cost of $40 per semester.

What this means to Sunnyside residents is that approximately 10,000 students held a permit under the old system and now a scant 1500 have that privilege. That means a potential additional 8500 students looking for parking on our streets.

Some relief is available to students for $1 per day in special lots that can handle an additional 200 or so cars. But, that still leaves over 8000 students out in the cold and scavenging on our streets for spaces. Of course, many will replace this with public transportation.

This only leaves, say, 5000 students' roaming our streets for parking spaces — an unacceptable situation!

Call the office of Juanita Pasqual, Vice-Chancellor of Adminstration-CCSF to protest the effects of this new system on our streets at 241-2234.

Department of Parking and Traffic

In conjunction with this CCSF problem, another BIG problem has been noted in Sunnyside. The Department of Parking and Traffic (DPT) is understaffed and not responsive to our residents. One hour parking, red zones, and D permit areas are not being enforced correctly.

If you have a specific problem on your block, call the Director of Assignments, Martha Gable, directly at 553-1232. At DPT calling a lower level manager will get you nowhere fast. Martha can order changes to be made, such as enforcing one hour parking zone

regulations with meter-maid stops two or three times per day.

When calling in to DPT to get a car ticketed or towed call 553-1200. If they do not respond quickly call Martha and tell her you are not receiving good service.

DPT says slow response time is due to lack of staff but you can get the service you need if you are vocal about it. If you are still not satisfied, call the parking commissioners office at 554-9800.

If you would like to have the city paint a red zone on the tips of your driveway this is available for a one time fee of $55. Call DPT coordinator Ron Leo at 554-2325. ☼

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Library Construction Now Underway At City College

Some neighbors have wondered what's going on at the big construction site at City College. The college is building a long-planned new library. It will be the largest building on campus when completed in September 1995.

A good many trucks were heard rumbling on nearby streets while the foundation was being excavated, but that phase of construction is over. No pile driving or other especially loud activity is anticipated. By the time you

read this, the steel superstructure should be well underway.

As with many facilities on the campus, CC's existing library is no longer adequate, and students, faculty and staff are looking forward to this modern facility. Sunnyside neighbors should also look forward to seeing its doors open — all neighbors will be eligible to receive a library card and use this valuable repository of information. Watch for more news when the library nears completion. ☼

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Have you sent in your $10 annual dues to SNA? If you have not paid during 1994, your Sunnyside Neighborhood Association dues are payable now.

You must be an SNA member to continue to receive our quarterly neighborhood newsletter, *Sunnyside News*. We cannot afford to mail the newsletter to non-members, so join us today!

Sunnyside Neighborhood Assn., PO Box 27615, San Francisco, CA 94127.
Make checks payable to SNA. Dues are $10/year. Thanks!

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Address _____ **Zip Code** _____

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SNA Upcoming Meetings

April 12 - Traffic safety and parking discussion

May 10 - City College Update - What's going on with the hillside and plans for a new shop building, and how is neighborhood parking being affected by CC's new parking permit system?

SNA meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Sunnyside Elementary School. All Sunnyside residents are encouraged to attend.

Join Sunnyside Neighborhood Association

We need you to join Sunnyside Neighborhood Assn. We have strength in numbers when neighbors join together. See page 7 for more information.

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